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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of:	:	
Takeuchi et al.	:	
Application No. 09/602,814	:	DECISION ON
Filed: March 4, 1999	:	PETITION
Title of Invention:	:	
BALL LOADING APPARATUS AND BALL	:	
LOADING METHOD	:	

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 19, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed February 20, 2003. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant filed an Amendment in response to the Office action on July 18, 2003; however, the Amendment failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory action mailed on July 29, 2003.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 9, 2003.

With the instant petition, Petitioner paid the petition fee; submitted a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), and fee, and a submission in the form of an Amendment. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

Having found that all of the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been met, **this petition is hereby granted.**

This application is being returned to Technology Center 1725 for processing of the RCE and Amendment.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.



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